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# II PU exams from tomorrow

- 35,835 students to appear at 51 exam centres in Mysuru District
- Webcasting to monitor exam malpractices at all centres

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (MK&DM)- With the II PU exams commencing from tomorrow (Feb. 28), the Department of Pre-University Education, Mysuru, is giving final touches for preparations to ensure smooth conduct of the exams across the district.

On the first day tomorrow, Kannada and Arabic papers exam will be held.

The examination is being held from Feb.28 to Mar.17 at 51 centres across the district, including 28 in Mysuru city alone. The 23 centres in the district are spread across H.D. Kote and K.R. Nagar (3 centres each), Periyapatna, T. Narasipur and Hunsur (4 centres each) and Nanjangud (5 centres).

As many as 35,835 students will appear for the exam, out of which 32,835 are freshers, 2,194 are repeaters, 773 are private students and 16 are result-improvement examinees.

The question papers have been kept securely at the District Treasury in DC's Office at Siddarthanagar. All the exam centres have been installed with CCTV cameras, which will be continuously monitored at the Webcasting Centre.

(See EXAMS on page 5)

# Quack docs: 8 booked

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (MK&BS)- In a major crackdown on quacks and private medical practitioners not complying with the norms, the District-level Special Team constituted by the Deputy Commissioner has initiated action against eight quacks and levied fine on 37 clinics in the last two years.

The district has 1,712 clinics and a total of 95 cases have been booked with fine imposed on 37 clinics, while 50 cases have been settled. Besides, 10 cases have been transferred to Karnataka Medical Council (KMC) and action taken against 16 clinics.

(See DOCS on page 9)

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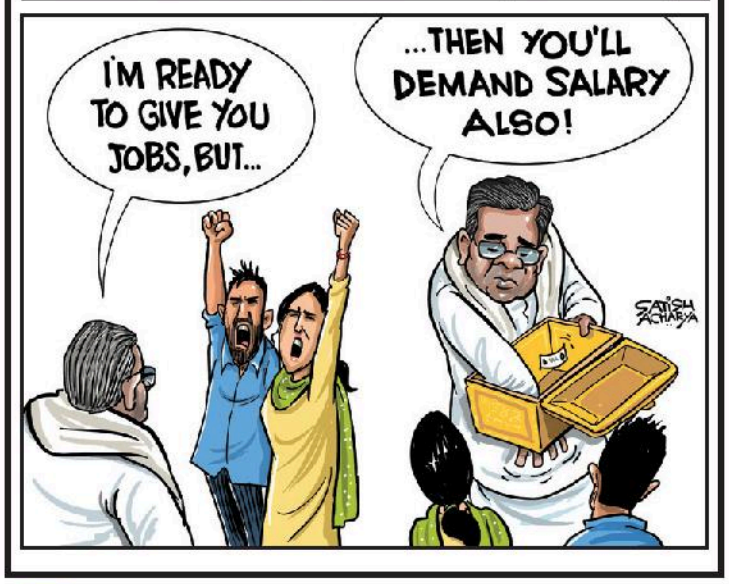
**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Friday 27th February 2026


## STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya




## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REFRAMING INDIA'S WILDLIFE CONFLICTS: ***Wildlife safaris in Bandipur and Nagarahole national parks, suspended on November 7, 2025, following the death of three persons in wildlife conflicts in the Bandipur landscape, were reopened on February 22. Have we resolved the issue that led to the suspension? What needs to change to avoid a recurrence?***

***Fundamental to the context of human-wildlife conflict are five premises. First, wild animals sustain under the forces of nature, guided by their instincts. Second, wild animals are an inseparable part of biodiversity, which is essential for human progress and well-being. Third, humans are a dominant force on the planet and have expanded across most of it, adversely affecting all other species and biodiversity. Fourth, humans take a short-term view, often ignoring long-term implications. Fifth, they act beyond the means naturally available to them, through technology.***

***What does this suggest? While wild animals act predictably and on natural instinct, humans act beyond instinct and often against nature. Nonetheless, humans incriminate the wild animals as intruders, raiders, attackers — the real perpetrators of human-wildlife conflict. Such framing and focus on the 'conflicted animals,' rather than the 'conflicting humans,' is misplaced.***

***This misdiagnosis of the conflict's cause hinders its resolution. We define human-wildlife conflict as the loss of human life, injury to humans and property damage caused by wild animals. Animals killed in conflicts are an underemphasised part of the conflict. Are the fragmentation of wild animal habitats by diverting them for development, hunting wild animals for bush meat and the deliberate disposal of plastic, poultry and other waste in forest areas not the ways humans conflict with wildlife?...***

***The focus on 'conflicted animal' is a misdiagnosis of the crisis. The current fixes of animal-proof fences and compensation funds are a bandage, not a cure. Conflict-sensitive developmental planning that focuses on the 'conflicting human' can help ease the friction. Continued conflict will erode the support for biodiversity conservation and the opportunity for sustainable economic development.***

*— Jagmohan Sharma in Deccan Herald*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### World's longest chocolate train sculpture

Milan: A Maltese chocolatier and his team spent around four months piecing together the world's longest chocolate sculpture - a 55.27-metre-long train.

Andrew Farrugia, a Maltese chocolatier with multiple world records under his belt, recently set a new Guinness record for the world's longest chocolate sculpture. He and his team of students from Malta's Institute of Tourism Studies created a 55.27-metre-long chocolate train made up of a vintage steam engine and 22 chocolate carts weighing around 160 kilograms (352 pounds) each.

The world's longest chocolate sculpture was unveiled in Milan ahead of this year's Winter Olympic Games, but Farrugia and his team had been working on it for months. The planning alone took about a year, but Farrugia started working on it in October of last year, creating clay models of each train component.

### Exploding phone saves man from dogs attack

Rio: A man attacked by two dogs claims he was saved due to the explosion of phone in his pocket.

Case in point, a bizarre story from Cascavel, in Brazil's Paraná State, where a man named Reinaldo was attacked by two dogs on his way to work.

Reinaldo was walking to his workplace when he was intercepted by two dogs. Before he could realise the danger, he was fending off the vicious canines and fighting for his life. "One of them went for my throat. I hit it, then it tried to bite my leg, but it only caught the phone in my pocket which exploded. It was dangerous, but it saved me. It was bizarre," Reinaldo recalled.

The phone explosion burned through the mechanic's shorts and caused burns, but it also surprised the aggressive dogs, which gave Reinaldo valuable time to get away and call the Police.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

**Recurrent Miscarriage Needs Evaluation**

Two or more pregnancy losses warrant detailed assessment. Many underlying causes are treatable with appropriate care.

***By Dr. Nivedita Shetty - Chief of Reproductive Medicine Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru***

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Shivoham: Cultural celebration of Dance and Music this evening

***Dr. Shivakumar***

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Samskruthi Trust, Mysuru, is organising a cultural programme titled 'Shivoham,' featuring dance and music, today (Feb. 27) at 5.45pm at Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru.

Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao of Noopura Kalavidara Cultural Trust and V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director, Department of Kannada and Culture will be the chief guests.

The programme will feature a Hindustani classical vocal performance by Dr. M. Shivakumar.

The Nrutyati team led by Anusha Varun will present a Bharatanatyam dance while the team led by Anushree Padmanabh will present an Odissi dance recital on the occasion.

This programme aims to celebrate Indian classical artistic traditions.

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## REALLY...?

- ***Box jellyfish are pale blue, transparent and bell or cube shaped with four distinct sides.***
- ***The box jellyfish has a group of 15 tentacles at each corner of its body, with up to 5,000 stinging cells each.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*I visited my new friend in his apartment.*
*He told me to make myself at home.*
*So I threw him out.*
*I hate visitors!!*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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| 1 Euro | = Rs. 107.36 |

VOICE OF THE READER

# Burning leaves, burning lungs

## The high cost of 'clean' streets

Sir,

That small, crackling heap of dry leaves at the corner of the street is not a harmless act of tidiness. It is a public nuisance set alight. A deliberate act of air pollution that we have somehow come to accept as routine.

The justification is always the same: "It's just leaves." But what rises from that pile is not just smoke. It is particulate matter, carbon monoxide and toxic fumes.

In cities already burdened by vehicle emissions, this added layer of pollution is far from insignificant. It drifts into homes, settles in lungs and affects children, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions who have no choice but to breathe it in. Burning leaves does not eliminate waste. It merely transforms it into airborne pollution.

This practice is a lazy response to a natural process. Leaves are meant to decompose. Even in urban areas, there are better and more responsible alternatives than burning.

Leaves can be shredded and returned to the soil as natural fertiliser through mulch-mowing. Streets can have simple community compost enclosures that convert so-called waste into nutrient-rich compost for parks and gardens. They can even be collected and shared with local gardeners who need dry organic matter for composting.

Civic responsibility is reflected in small, everyday decisions. If cleaning your frontage forces your neighbour to shut their windows against smoke, it is not cleanliness. Rather, it is inconvenience and harm passed on to others. We cannot voice concern about worsening air quality one day and contribute to it the next.

It is time to stop treating this as normal. Clean surroundings should not come at the cost of polluted air and the basic right to breathe clean air should never be compromised.

**—Dr. G. Rathnakar, Associate Dean-Academics,**
**JSS Science & Technology University**

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# Team Mysuru 'Swachhata Champion'

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (BS)- Team Mysuru was conferred with 'Swachhata Champion' title at a programme organised to felicitate the Brand Ambassadors of Swachh Survekshan for the year 2026-27, by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) recently.

Team Mysuru was considered for the title by the MCC in recognition of its various social activities like planting and watering of saplings across the city, disposal of old and used portraits of Gods and Goddesses kept at public places and around peepal trees, with devotion and several other social works for the past 12 years.

Swachh Survekshan Brand Ambassadors and actor-couple Vasishta Simha and Haripriya, sculptor Arun Yogiraj, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, MCC Health Officer Dr. N.P. Venkatesh, members of Team Mysuru — Gokul Govardhan, Kiran Jairam Gowda, Anil Jain, Hiriyanna, Ramprasad, Anand, Narayan, Balakrishna, Harish Shetty, Harish Gokulam, Shekar, Manjunath, Ganesh Prasad, Uma, Sahana, Kumari, Sukruta and others were present at the felicitation ceremony.

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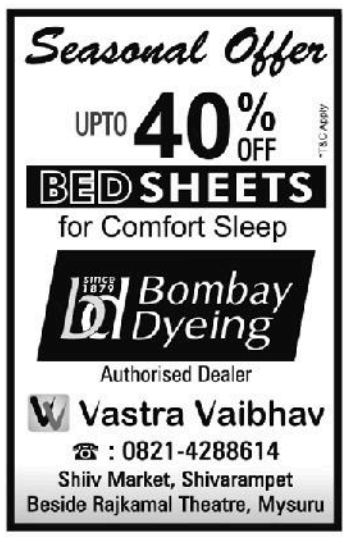



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On behalf of the Governer of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, M.I. & GWD Division, Mysore invites tenders from registered and eligible contractors under "Kppp Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender documents of KW-1 for **05 works.** The Minimum amount put tender **Rs. 5.00 lakhs** and EMD amount Minimum **Rs. 0.062 lakhs** and Maximum amount **Rs. 0.12 lakhs.** The other tender details are given below.

Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office during office hours up to **Date: 06.03.2026, 12.30 PM.** Last date to upload the tenders with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Date: 07.03.2026, 5.30 PM.** The bids will be opened on: **09.03.2026,11.00 AM.**

**Note:** All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all bids or any individual bids of this tender notification without assigning any reasons by the under signed. The terms and conditions for each work is published in the "Kppp" Tender Portal. Any corrigendum pertains to above tender will be published in KPP Portal only.

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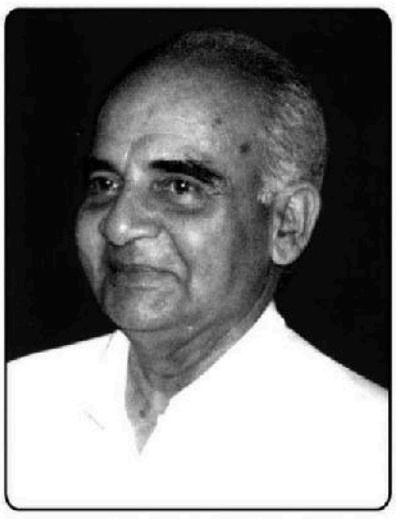
- Brihadaranyaka Upanishad



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Power disruption tomorrow

As CESC is undertaking underground cable laying works in 11 KV KMF Feeder jurisdiction, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (Feb. 28) from 10 am to 5 pm at Royal Mart, Dhruthi Apartment, Vatika Apartment, Brigade Apartment, Shanthaveri Gopal Gowda Hospital and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC Executive Engineer, N.R. Mohalla Division.

### Monthly cultural programme

As part of monthly cultural programme for the month of February, disciples of Violin Vidwan H.S. Thandavamurthy — Siri Paramathma, V. Manaswini and Soujanya Prakash — will render a special violin trio concert on Feb. 28 at 6.30 pm at Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirama Mandira, Srirampet. Vid. N. Kumar will accompany on mridanga, according to a press release from Dr. N. Sriram, President of Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust.

### Free health check-up camp

A free health check-up camp including BP, sugar, eye and vision tests has been organised on Feb. 28 from 10 am to 2 pm at Naren Diagnostics and Polyclinic on Sahukar Channaiah Road in T.K. Layout here. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2951372 or Mob: 96069-91924.

### Health Talk

As part of its monthly series, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has organised a lecture programme on 'Dental Problems' by Dr. Lokesh at Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana on Mar. 2 at 5 pm, exclusively for senior citizens. Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraju will preside. For details, contact Mob: 99804-12406, according press release from K.S. Krishna, Secretary, Elder Citizens Council.

### Ph.D awardee

**P. Bhavya** has been awarded Ph.D in Social Work by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'A Study on Nutritional Knowledge during Pregnancy among Rural Women with Special Reference to Chamarajanagara District,' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.P. Somashekar.

# MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah moots development of Karanji Lake

## ZAK, the custodian of lake, asked to prepare an estimate for development works

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (LNY,PM& BS)- MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy inspected Karanji Lake Nature Park yesterday, to explore the possibilities of taking up development works.

Yathindra, collected information about the present status of the lake area from Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman Hadya Rangaswamy and Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) Executive Director P. Anusha.

Speaking to media persons, Anusha said, with sewage water flowing into the lake, fishes and birds are in trouble. To clean up the water body and take up other development works, it requires not less than Rs. 10 crore. Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) should prepare an estimate to arrest the flow of sewage water into the lake.

*MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah inspecting Karanji Lake Nature Park, along with DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZAK Chairman Hadya Rangaswamy (left) and Zoo Executive Director P. Anusha in city yesterday.*

The MCC has assured to include the plan in any of its project. The MLC has instructed to prepare an estimate and the measures will be taken up accordingly, she added.

ZAK Chairman Hadya Rangaswamy told *Star of Mysore,* with sewage water flowing into the lake, foul smell is emanating from the water body which was inconveniencing the boat riders too.

To take up works towards finding solutions to the issues, a request had been submitted to MLC Yathindra, following which the latter visited the lake. The estimate will be prepared in a day or two, he added.

# Vijayanagar Cops nab chain snatcher

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (PM&KS)- Vijayanagar Police have nabbed a chain snatcher, who had snatched a gold chain from a woman at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in 2024.

The arrested has been identified as 38-year-old Sher Khan, a native of Delhi, who is residing at Kuvempunagar. He was nabbed on Feb. 25, when he was moving around in a bike after changing its registration number plate and has been handed over to judicial custody, Police said.

On Sept. 25, 2024, Shrivalli, a resident of Hinkal, alighted from a city bus near Sankranti Circle and was walking near Hoysala Circle in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage to go to Hinkal, when Sher Khan, along with his accomplice, who came on a bike, snatched the gold chain weighing about 30 grams and worth about Rs. 90,000 then and sped away.

Shrivalli had lodged a complaint with Vijayanagar Police, who had registered a case.

Sher Khan is to have been hoodwinking the Police since then, but was nabbed a couple of days back.

# Teacher sustains serious head injuries after part of ceiling falls

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (PM&KS)- An assistant teacher sustained serious head injuries after a part of the ceiling of the classroom, which was in a dilapidated condition fell on her head.

The incident took place at the Govt. Higher Primary School in Kanakagiri here yesterday.

Yesterday, assistant teacher Sowmya was taking class for third stand students, when she saw the part of the ceiling collapsing. She immediately moved the children to safety, thus saving them but a part of the ceiling fell on her head injuring her seriously.

Meanwhile, students, parents and public alleged that though there is a new building facility, Head Mistress Jayalakshmi was getting the classes conducted in the old and dilapidated building and held the her responsible for the incident. They have urged the BEO to look into the matter and take action.

# Unidentified man dies at hospital

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was found lying in an unconscious state in Nazarbad Police limits on Feb. 15 and admitted to K.R. Hospital, has breathed his last at the hospital on Feb. 24.

The deceased is aged about 45 years, 5.6 ft. tall, normal built, dark complexioned, oval faced, sports beard and moustache and was wearing a white full arm shirt and black pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418308 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

# e-Khata: Address fears of ancestral property owners, urges ex-Mayor

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (BS)- Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy has said, the owners of ancestral properties are apprehensive over newly introduced e-Khata and it is to be seen how the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will address their fears.

*Sandesh Swamy*

In a press release, Swamy has stated that, people at Paduvarahalli, Vontikoppal, T.K. Layout, K.G. Koppal, Kyathamaranahalli and other localities, have been living in their own houses, since the days of Maharajas. In those days, the property related deals were facilitated through mutual agreement, without even registering the sale deed while buying a site. Now, in such a situation, the MCC officers should understand, that such property owners cannot provide sale deed, encumbrance certificate, khata, revenue copy, property tax, approved plan etc.,

The MCC, has in its jurisdiction 40 percent of Gram Thana properties and revenue properties. While it is a welcome step to incorporate technology to secure the properties, the owners of ancestral properties, if they fail to provide even one of several documents, may be deprived of e-khata.

The Narasimharaja Constituency has 60 percent of such properties, where the residents fail to get e-khata, even after paying the tax. Instead, the MCC should make alternative arrangements for old and new localities to issue e-khata, urged Swamy.

# Obituary

**Sharada Ballal**

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Sharada Ballal (88), wife of late Bhojaraj Ballal and a resident of Krishnamurthypuram, passed away on Wednesday in city.

She leaves behind two sons including businessman Mahesh Ballal, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Jayanagar Burial Grounds yesterday afternoon.

**Dr. V. Chandrasen**

**Hunsur:** Dr. V. Chandrasen (75), retired Principal and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Hunsur, he leaves behind his wife Vasundhara Sen, son Kaushik Sen, daughter Sindhu Sen, son-in-law Ganesh and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening.

# Three-day Kisan Swaraj
## Sammelan-2026 begins in city

*KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sharanappa V. Halse (third from right) seen at the exhibition organised as part of the inauguration of three-day Kisan Swaraj Sammelan 2026 - South India, organised by Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture (ASHA) at KSOU main campus Mukthagangothri in city this morning as others look on.*

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (MTY&VNS)- The three-day Kisan Swaraj Sammelan 2026 - South India organised by Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture (ASHA) was inaugurated by Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sharanappa V. Halse at KSOU Convocation Hall at its main campus Mukthagangothri, here this morning.

Inaugurating the convention, Dr. Sharanappa V. Halse stressed for the need to encourage natural farming to promote a healthy living.

"The use of pesticides in farming was encouraged during the post independence era to increase the food production to address issues related to scarcity of food. As years have passed by, the use of pesticides has increased which has not only affected the fertility of soil, but also had adverse impact on human life. To stop the adverse affect of poisonous food on human health, natural farming must be encouraged by fixing a scientific price for the farm produces," he added.

Stating that KSOU has been encouraging natural farming, Prof. Halse said Kisan Sammelan must be held once in every six months to hold discussions related to farmers and agriculture and for exchange of knowledge on latest trends and developments in agriculture sector which would help in creating awareness.

He also suggested that after discussing issues related to agriculture at conventions, memoranda should be submitted to both the State and Central Governments to ensure the issues plaguing farming sector are resolved.

### Millet cultivation

UNDP Equator Initiative award winner Bibi Jan of Dharwad, enlightened the audience about millets cultivated through natural farming method. She also called upon women to work hand-in-hand for achieving a success in agriculture.

The exhibition includes farm produces, seeds, greens, fruits, millets, farming equipment and various demonstrations.

Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithi President Vishalakshan, natural farmer Raghava Aikanthika, Sahaja Samrudha's G. Krishnaprasad, KSOU Registrar Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar, Dean (Education) Prof. M. Ramanatham Naidu, Prasaranga Director Dr. R. Santosh Naik and others were present on the occasion.

MILLETS RANGOLI: *Women farmers posing in front of rangoli made out of different millets at KSOU Convocation Hall premises.*

# II PU exams
## from tomorrow
### Mysuru District aims to come within top 10: DDPUE Nagamma

(Continued from page 1)

A day ahead of the exams, the designated staff were seen marking the registration numbers on tables in exam halls.

*Nagamma*

Police have made elaborate security arrangements around all the exam centres. The City Police have enforced prohibitory orders in 200 mts. radius around all the exam centres. Photocopy shops and cyber cafes have been ordered to shut down during exam hours.

### Aim to improve results

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Deputy Director of Pre-University Education (DDPUE) M.P. Nagamma said that the Department is aiming to improve the results in the district this year, for which several academic activities were held.

The District, which stood at 14th position in results last year, now aims to come within the top 10 in the State, she added.

Webcasting will be done from all the centres and officials will continuously monitor on screen from the Webcasting centres set up in the ZP Office and the PU Exam Board Office. These officers will monitor any malpractices and malicious intent on the part of the examinees and as well monitor the functioning of the exam hall staff.

Special Investigation Squads headed by an officer of the rank of Principal have been formed. The District Treasury, where the exam papers have been kept, is under round-the-clock surveillance to prevent any possibility of question paper leaks, she said.

Also, the vehicles designated for transportation of question papers to the exam centres have been fitted with GPS (Geographical Positioning System). A total of 11 vehicles and 1 spare vehicle have been arranged for the purpose, with 5 routes mapped in city limits and 1 one each in taluk centres. The vehicles will be tracked continuously throughout their journey, for which a 3-member team of route officers have been formed, Nagamma said adding that each vehicle will be accompanied by a gunman as an additional security measure.

DDPUE Nagamma held a briefing at her office this morning for Squad Members, Lecturers and all other exam staff on smooth conduct of the exams.


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My clients intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners, (1) Smt. R. Maithili W/o Sri. L. Shivanna (2) Sri. Bharath Bhushan S/o Sri. L. Shivanna (3) Sri. Anush . S S/o Sri. L. Shivanna all are residing at no. 398, Ramakrishna Nagara, I Block, Dattagalli Layout, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru – 570 022. If any person/s who claims any right, interest or title of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property or has/have any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge or report such claim and / or objections in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned within Seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. In the event of no such claims /objections have received it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsists and my client would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if no such claim or objections exists or that they have been waived or abandoned.

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All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House no. 398, e-Aasthi Property no. 6587512398 as per Form-2 issued by Mysuru Mahanagara Palike, Mysuru measuring East to West 12.00 Meters and North to South 9.00 Meters in total measuring 108.00 Square Meters, with ground and upper floors residential building, situated at Ramakrishna Nagara, I Block, Dattagalli, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru and the property is bounded on East by : Property bearing no. 413, West by : Road, North by : Property bearing no. 397, South by : Property bearing no. 399.

**Date : 25-02-2026**

**K.N. Mahadeva Swamy,** B.Sc., L.L.B.,
Advocate & Notary
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Clients DR.N.SIDDHARTH SHANKAR & DR.RADHIKAY.G.negotiating to purchase the property more fully described in the schedule below from its Owners SRI. T.SHANKARANARAYAN, SMT.T. JAYALAKSHMI, SRI. T.RAMESH, SMT. T. LALITHA & SRI. T.HARISH children's of Late. Thimmegowda. Any person/s, interested parties, claimants, Agreement Holders, Banks, Financial Institutions and/or statutory authorities having/ asserting any right, title, interest, claims of any nature or any lien, charge, enforceable right or intending to oppose the development and/or has/have any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claims or objections in writing to the undersigned together with documentary proof/-supporting documents within SEVEN DAYS from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and where after no such claims will be entertained.

**SCHEDULE**

The Site bearing No. 221 measuring East to West 12.1920 Meters (40 Feet) and North to South 18.288037 Meters (60 Feet), Total 222.9677 Square Meters situated at Thonachikoppal Layout, Saraswathipuram, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysore and as per Namoone -2 (Niyama-20) Property No. 20-1-588-221 Ward No.20, New Ward No. 47 Property Old No. 221 of Mysore City Corporation, Mysore and bounded on: East by: Site No. 220, West by: Site No. 222, North by: Road & South by: Site No.204

Sd/- A.N. Puttaswamy Gowda. B.A. LL.B
Advocate & Notary
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Near Ramaswamy Circle, Mysore
Date: 26-02-2026 mob: 9731948535



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The public at large is hereby notified that my client intends to purchase the schedule property from Sri. DEVARAJ.V.N (AADHAAR No : xxxx xxxx 2169 ) aged about 61 years, S/o Late.Narayanaraj.V.B, including his Family members. That if any person/s has/have any kind of right, title, interest, objections or claims over the schedule property, they may lodge the, claims/objections with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notification with the supporting documents by registered post acknowledgement due failing which, my client will take it for granted that there are no claims/ charges from whom so ever. Any claims/ objections received after this stipulated period of 7 days will be considered as no claim and the same will be ignored and my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that the piece and parcel of the residential house constructed on the site bearing number 2844 New Number K10 and as per form Number-2 (Rule 20) issued by the office of the Directorate of Municipal Administration, Mysore City Corporation, MCC, Mysore swathina e-AASTHI PID No:5-3-551-146, Ward Number 5 (New Ward No:55) Swathina Old Number / Nirdharana Number 2844-10, situated at 3rd Cross, Chamundipuram, Krishnaraja Mohalla, Mysore site measuring East to West:7.010414 Meters and North to South:14.630429 Meters in total measuring 102.5654 Sq.Meters and the property is bounded on the;

East by : Property of Sri. Prakash V.N.
West by : Property of Sri. V.N. Ashok
North by : Property of Sri. V.N. Ashok
South by : Road.

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# Uncertainty looms over 114-yr-old Silk Yarn Unit

## Profit-making KSIC Filature Factory powers GI-tagged Mysore Silk production

*Silk cocoons being boiled to extract threads at KSIC Filature Factory in T. Narasipur. Picture right shows workers extracting delicate threads using yarns.*

**By M.T. Yogesh Kumar & B.C. Thimmaiah**

A Government-owned Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) Filature Factory in T. Narasipur, the primary supplier of yarn for the famed GI-tagged Mysore Silk sarees woven in Mysuru and Channapatna, is staring at an uncertain future.

Despite posting an annual net profit of Rs. 118 crore, speculation over its possible closure has created anxiety among employees, as neither the District Administration nor the Ministers have issued any official clarification.

Established in 1912 during the reign of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar to produce and supply high-quality silk yarn for Mysore Silk sarees, it has consistently supplied yarn to meet growing demand, earning a reputation for quality and reliability, for 114 years.

### Threat to legacy

Now, the century-old institution appears to be under a cloud, fuelling fears that it may gradually fade into history. The livelihoods of more than 196 employees working at the unit are at stake.

> "The stadium will not affect KSIC silk yarn manufacturing unit. The land has been sanctioned for the long-demanded taluk stadium and the government has handed it over to the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports. The claim that the factory will shut down is only a rumour. The construction of the stadium will benefit athletes in T. Narasipur and help them achieve success in the field of sports."
>
> — Bhaskar Nayak, Assistant Director, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports

The unit is spread across 13.11 acres, of which six acres house the factory building. Recently, 5.08 acres of vacant land on the premises were handed over to the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports for the construction of a taluk stadium.

Employees and residents allege that the land transfer is part of a larger move to shut down the yarn manufacturing unit. The development has sparked protests, with the issue now taking on political overtones.

### Surviving where others failed

In the past, silk yarn manufacturing units were set up at T. Narasipur, Santhemaralli in Chamarajanagar district, Tholahunse in Davanagere and Hampapura in H.D. Kote Taluk to support Mysore Silk saree production.

Today, however, only the T. Narasipur unit remains functional, while the others have long been shut down.

The closed units depended entirely on borewell water, which led to frequent rusting and breakdown of machinery. The deterioration in yarn quality eventually resulted in falling demand and closure.

In contrast, T. Narasipur unit has sustained operations over the decades. Regarded as the 'mother unit' of Mysore Silk saree production, the T. Narasipur facility draws flowing water from Kapila River, located about 1.5 kms away.

Water is supplied to the factory through a brass pipeline, with the unit consuming nearly five lakh litres daily. Employees say an uninterrupted water supply is crucial for maintaining yarn quality and the smooth functioning of the machinery.

They fear that the proposed construction of a stadium within the premises could disrupt this vital resource and affect operations.

## Entire 13.11 acres crucial for silk production: Staff

Employees have strongly opposed the allocation of 5.08 acres of factory land for the construction of a taluk stadium, stating that the silk yarn unit requires the space for its essential operations.

They explained that nearly one acre is needed for coal storage and about 1.5 acres for coal cinder ash disposal after being used to heat up the boilers. Additional land is required for a canteen and vehicle parking facilities.

The unit also needs around one acre to set up an Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) to recycle used water, besides maintaining a mandatory green zone covering 33 percent of the factory area to retain its prestigious GI tag. The green cover also absorbs heat generated from the cocoon boilers.

Without these facilities, they warned, both the factory's operations and certification could be at risk. They further cautioned that failure to maintain the green zone could lead to the loss of the coveted GI tag for Mysore Silk. Hence, they have demanded that the proposed stadium be constructed at an alternative location.

## Employees' overtime work spikes profit from Rs. 48 cr. to Rs. 116 cr.

The T. Narasipur Filature Factory has a workforce of 196 employees, comprising 96 men and 100 women.

Every month, it procures between 25,000 and 30,000 kg of quality silk cocoons worth Rs. 3 crore to Rs. 3.5 crore from Government-run cocoon markets in Mysuru, Ramanagara, Sidlaghatta and Kollegal.

These cocoons are processed into silk yarn used for weaving Mysore Silk sarees.

Daily, the unit processes 1,400 to 1,600 kg of silk cocoons. During regular working hours from 7.30 am to 4 pm, employees produce around 190 kg of silk yarn. With overtime extending up to 6.30 pm, daily production increases to 230 to 240 kg, resulting in a monthly output of 6,000 to 7,000 kg of yarn.

The yarn is mainly supplied to Mysuru's saree production centre, with additional consignments sent to the weaving unit in Channapatna.

The unit recorded a net profit of Rs. 48 crore last year. This year, aided by increased production through overtime, profits have risen sharply to Rs. 116 crore.

The factory has also stockpiled 62,000 kg of silk cocoons, enough to sustain operations for the next four to five months.

## How KSIC unit makes yarn for 15,000 sarees a month

Each saree requires 350 to 420 grams of silk yarn. With its monthly output, the unit supplies enough yarn for more than 15,000 sarees, reinforcing its status as the 'mother unit' of Mysore Silk.

### STEP 1: DRYING AND PRESERVING COCOONS

Once procured from the market, the cocoons are dried using hot air machines. They are then subjected to steam treatment, which kills the larvae inside without damaging the cocoon, enabling storage for four to five months. If left untreated, the larvae would develop into moths, break through the cocoon and render it unsuitable for yarn extraction.

For reeling, the cocoon must remain semi-floating in water due to the weight of the dead larva. If it sinks completely, yarn cannot be extracted.

### STEP 2: SORTING COCOONS

In the sorting stage, high-quality cocoons are separated from defective ones. Double cocoons containing two larvae are unsuitable for yarn production. Cut cocoons and inferior ones, often discoloured due to fungal infection, are also rejected. Only premium cocoons are selected for reeling to ensure the yarn meets the standard quality range of 26 to 28 denier (a unit of measurement that determines thickness, weight and durability of individual fibres or filaments in textiles).

### STEP 3: BOILING AND REELING

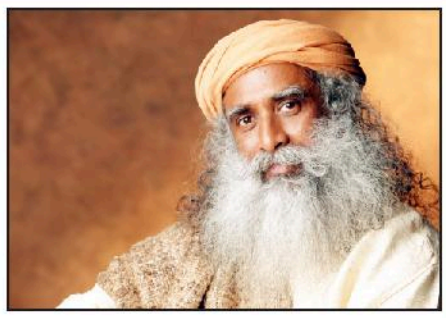
The selected cocoons are boiled at high temperatures, which are gradually reduced during the process. Yarn extraction begins in the reeling unit, where threads are wound onto small reels.

These are later transferred to larger reels in the re-reeling section, preparing the silk for twisting. The yarn is then twisted, packed into 20-kg sealed bags and stored in the warehouse before being supplied to the saree production centre.

The unit introduced semi-automatic machines in 1984. In 2017 and 2019, it further modernised operations by importing advanced automatic reeling machines worth Rs. 5 crore from China. These upgrades have reduced manual labour and significantly enhanced production efficiency.

# MYSTIC'S MUSINGS

By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation



# WOMEN: On the Path of FREEDOM

Indian spirituality has always been a rich mixture of men and women reaching the heights of their consciousness. A woman is as capable as a man when it comes to inner nature. It is only the peel, the body, which you call as a man or a woman. What is within is the same. The peel is not going to decide what one's spiritual capabilities are. Right from Vedic times, there have been many women who have reached the very heights of their consciousness.

In ancient times, women also wore the sacred thread, because without it, they could not read the scriptures. Like a man, she could live within the marriage for ten to twenty years and when she had the urge to become spiritual, she could renounce the family.

However, when barbarian hordes invaded India, women slowly lost their freedom. The rules started changing. Maybe it was necessary for a certain period of time, because the physical situation was such that some restriction had to be placed on women for their own safety. But unfortunately it became the law. In the Vedas, the first let down for a woman was when they declared that she cannot wear the sacred thread. It was also said that the only way she can attain *mukti* or her Ultimate Nature, is by serving her husband. It was fixed that only a man could renounce.

Unfortunately, this continues even today. A woman is told that she has been born only to serve her father or her husband. People who talk about *advaitha,* non-duality of existence, have taught this, "Everything is one, but women are less." In spite of the fact he knows that his existence depends upon her, if he cannot even accept her, his accepting all the dualities in the existence is simply out of question.

The question of inferiority or superiority comes only in a prejudiced mind. It is just a question of two qualities. If a woman, out of whom a man is born, is inferior, how can man be superior? The possibility just does not arise. This problem is universal. It is not just about one gross man thinking like this. It has become a man's way of life, a part of his very culture and religion.

Once, a certain social reformer went to Vivekananda and asked, "It is great that you also support women, what shall I do? I want to reform them. I want to support this." Then Vivekananda said, "Hands off. You do not have to do anything about them; just leave them alone. They will do what they have to do." This is all that is needed. It is not that a man has to reform a woman. If he just gives room, she will do what is necessary.

*[Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, a yogi, is a visionary, humanitarian and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. www.ishafoundation.org]*

# No garlands, only school books and bags please...

## MLA Srivatsa's initiative to distribute 50,000 notebooks wins public praise

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (GA&DM)- Krishnaraja BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa has won public appreciation for discouraging the practice of receiving expensive garlands and bouquets at public functions and instead encouraging the distribution of notebooks and other stationery to Government School students.

Srivatsa, who regularly attends *guddali pujas* (ground-breaking ceremonies) and other events, was often greeted by supporters and contractors with large garlands and bouquets. Terming the practice wasteful, he urged them to present notebooks and school supplies instead, so that the items could benefit children from economically weaker sections.

Following his appeal, more than 50,000 notebooks have been distributed to poor students. The initiative has been widely appreciated by the public.

Earlier, when Srivatsa served as City BJP President, he would receive hundreds, sometimes over a thousand garlands in a single day from supporters and well-wishers.

*Krishnaraja BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa distributing notebooks and school bags to children during the launch of developmental works at Gunduraonagar in city recently.*

Observing that many of these went to waste, he decided to channel such gestures into a socially meaningful cause by requesting supporters to gift notebooks, school bags and stationery instead.

Since then, he has consistently received educational materials at his office. So far, the MLA has distributed over 50,000 notebooks and 600 school bags to students of Government Schools, not only in his Constituency but also in other parts of city.

# 'Baandhavya'

## Rotary Midtown to host Sports Meet on Mar. 1

Mysuru, Feb.27- Rotary Mysore Midtown, a part of Rotary International, has been successfully organising the "Baandhavya" programme for the past 15 years.

This year too, the Club is conducting "Baandhavya-2026," a special sports meet for children with special needs at Oval Grounds in city on Mar. 1.

The inauguration ceremony will be held at 9 am, with DGE Rtn. Ravishankar Dakoju, RID 3192, as the chief guest. Rtn. Naveen Chandra, Assistant Governor, Zone 7, will be the guest of honour.

About 500 special children, along with 300 parents and 125 teachers, will be participating in the event.

Special games have been organised for children below 8 years of age. For children above 8 years, various competitions such as running, long jump, shot put throw, and tennis ball throw will be conducted.

Winners will be awarded medals and winning teams will receive trophies. All participants will receive attractive gifts.

The valedictory ceremony will take place at 4.30 pm, during which the achievements of the children will be recognised.

**Stadium plan at KSIC Filature Factory land in T. Narasipur**

# 400% Commission

## Plot is to help a Congress leader involved in loom manufacturing and procure China Silk for hefty kickback, alleges Opposition Leader R. Ashok

***Opposition Leader in Legislative Assembly R. Ashok addressing mediapersons at a private hotel in city this morning as** (from left) **former Mayor Shivakumar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, BJP Rural President Kumbralli Subbanna, former MP Prathap Simha, former MLA B. Harshavardhan and State BJP Minority Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas look on.***

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (BLU&BS)- Opposition Leader in Legislative Assembly R. Ashok dropped a bombshell by saying that the plans to build a stadium at the land belonging to KSIC Filature Factory at Bhyrapura in T. Narasipur is to only benefit an influential Congress leader, who owns a loom and also to procure raw silk from China, eyeing 400 percent commission.

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel in city this morning, Ashok said, "A powerful Congress leader runs a silk reeling unit. If this KSIC Filature Factory is stopped, the plan is to source silk reel from Congress leader to manufacture Mysore Silk saree."

Before visiting Mysuru, Ashok took part in a protest staged by the employees of KSIC Silk Factory at Channapatna in Bengaluru South district. He will be later participating in the protest being staged by the employees of KSIC Filature Factory in T. Narasipur.

Announcing that 'Save Mysore Silk' protest will be intensified in the coming days, Ashok demanded that with the State budget session scheduled from March 6, the State Government should make its stand clear over the raging issue, like how it came with a succinct response to the mammoth protest staged by job aspirants at Dharwad recently, over the delay in recruitments for Government jobs.

"KSIC has registered Rs. 96 crore profit, with KSIC Silk Factory at Channapatna alone having a capacity to manufacture 1,200 sarees per day. Amidst this, KSIC GM and Secretary went on a foreign tour spending Rs. 1.4 crore," said Ashok, hinting at the sorry state of affairs.

On the proposed stadium at T. Narasipur, Ashok said, Rs. 12 crore tender has been floated for this stadium and a whopping 60 percent commission is being collected to award the contract to a Congress leader.

It sounds like *Alle Draw, Alle Bahumana* (Draw the lots and win a prize at the same spot), said Ashok, in a mocking tone.

Of the total 13.11-acre land belonging to KSIC Filature Factory, 5.08-acre is allotted for stadium project. The remaining land will also be gobbled up gradually, with neither the stadium being used nor the factory, alleged Ashok.

Recalling the series of past incidents, Ashok said, Congress leaders have a disparaging attitude towards Wadiyars, the erstwhile rulers of Mysore. When it comes to Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, the Congress leaders hail Tipu Sultan ignoring Wadiyars, while there was also an attempt to belittle Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's contributions, highlighting the works of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah as beyond that of Nalwadi's.

KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, State BJP Minority Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas, BJP Rural President Kumbralli Subbanna, former MP Prathap Simha, former Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan, former Mayor Shivakumar and others were present at the press meet. **[See also Page-6]**

# Staging of play 'Jenkhara' at Natana on Feb. 28, Mar. 1

***Natana Rangashale, Mysuru, has organised staging of play 'Jenkhara' by the weekend theatre school students at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar on Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 at 6.30 pm. The play, written by Manoj Subramanya, is directed by Megha Sameer. Music is by Chethan Singanallur and Lighting is by Disha Ramesh.***

***Megha Sameer***

# Rendition of old Kannada, Hindi songs tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (GA) - *Hale Beru - Hosa Chiguru* Cultural Trust, as part of its 12th anniversary, has organised a musical programme of old Kannada and Hindi songs at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, tomorrow (Feb. 28) at 5 pm.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan recently, Trust Founder Revanna said the event would be inaugurated by Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji.

Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev will preside. Sugama Sangeetha Parishat District President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, Nehru Yuva Kendra Director (retd.) M.N. Nataraj, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, H.N. Venkatesh, S.J. Madhwaraj and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal will be the chief guests.

Theatre actor and tabla artiste Rangaswamy would be felicitated on the occasion. Srikanta Rao, Renuka Aradhya and Gopal were present at the press meet.

## Quack docs: 8 booked

**(Continued from page 1)**

Action has been taken to compel allopathy and ayurveda medical practitioners to register private clinics under Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act - 2007.

Also, instructions have been issued to display notice board consisting details of doctors providing service at the clinics.

At the local level too, a Task Force Committee comprising Medical Officers and NGO has been constituted, to keep a tab on quacks, if any. Programmes are being chalked out to create awareness at community-level against quacks, under KPME Act.

Regarding skin diseases, several clinics were inspected to address complaints of quacks and *naati* (traditional treatment method) practice.

Fine up to Rs. 25,000 will be imposed on quacks, cross practice and the clinics not registered under KPME Act.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TODAY'S MATCH [FEB. 27]

**England** Vs **New Zealand**
**Venue:** R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo
**Time: 7 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH [FEB. 28]

**Sri Lanka** Vs **Pakistan**
**Venue:** Pallekele Intl. Cricket Stadium, Kandy
**Time: 7 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS [FEB. 26]

**West Indies** 176/8 (20 overs)
**LOST TO**
**South Africa** 177/1 (16.1 overs)

**India** 256/4 (20 overs)
**BEAT**
**Zimbabwe** 184/6 (20 overs)

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# No question of shutting down KSIC Factory at T. Narasipur: MP Sunil Bose

T. Narasipur, Feb. 27 (MTY&DM)- "There is no question of shutting down the KSIC Filature Manufacturing Unit at T. Narasipur, which has been the livelihood of thousands of workers for over a century. It is the responsibility of everyone of us to further improve the factory. All speculations about the closure of the factory is baseless and political in nature," said Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose.

***Sunil Bose***

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, he said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had sanctioned funds for the construction of a stadium in the vast premises of the Filature Factory in the previous year's budget (2025-26) itself.

The MP said he was surprised by the sudden opposition for the stadium plans after a year.

"Now also it is not too late to discuss the matter with public involvement and measures can be taken to shift the proposed stadium elsewhere if it posed a threat to the existence of the factory," he argued.

Maintaining that the construction of the stadium was certainly not aimed at shutting down the factory and retrenchment of workers, Sunil Bose said that the matter would be discussed in detail with the Chief Minister, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and others for arriving at a decision which is acceptable to all.

Meanwhile, an official said "The preparation of a DPR regarding the upgradation and increasing production is already under way and the Government is taking every step to further develop KSIC factory."

"The Government had identified the vast vacant space in the factory premises for the construction of the stadium way back in 2008. Now, only funds are released for the stadium construction. Though as per rules, a stadium should be located at least 5 kms away from the city limits, the plans for construction of stadium in the factory premises came up as there was no vacant space available, with only greenery and rich fertile lands all around the town," the official noted.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Canoodle

**Pronunciation:** kuh-NOO-dul (verb).
**Meaning:** To canoodle with someone is to hug and kiss them in a romantic way.
**Origin:** The origins of canoodle are uncertain, but may have their genesis in an English dialect noun of the same spelling meaning "donkey," "fool," or "foolish lover." That canoodle may itself be an alteration of the word noodle, used to mean "a foolish person." (The fool noodle likely comes from noddle, a word for the head.) The guess seems reasonable given that, since its appearance in the language around the mid-19th century, canoodle has been most often used light-heartedly for playful public displays of affection by couples who are head over heels in love.
**Example:** "In one dining room, ruby-coloured tufted banquettes sit under vintage-inspired chandeliers. In a private room, purple-coloured walls give way to cocktail tables where couples might canoodle, sipping martinis." — Sarah Blaskovich, The Dallas Morning News, 28 Mar. 2025

## THE ODD WORD

### Cacography

Bad handwriting or spelling.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Chick flicks

**Meaning:** You use the term 'Chick flicks' to indicate that a movie focuses on love and is usually of a romantic-comedy genre. The term is mostly used to describe movies that are primarily targeted toward a female audience.
**Origin:** Beginning in the early 1990s, the term 'Chick flick' was used to describe a movie that appealed mostly to women. A 1995 article in *The Syracuse Herald Journal* used the term in a review: "For guys, it's just another mind numbing chick flick.' But for us, the members of the fine female sex, 'Now and Then' is a funny, touching story where we can see it of ourselves and our friends in the characters."
**Example:** "We're going to spend evening eating pizza & watching chick flicks."

## QUOTE BOX

A change is brought about because ordinary people do extraordinary things. **— Barack Obama**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:




Answer: Stepladder.

## SUDOKU

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1. Takes a shot at a golf ball
5 Direction of the orient
9 Sick day cause
12 __ __ cost : free? (2,2)
13 Nail of a beast or bird
14 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
15 Well-informed
18 A type of tropical tree
19 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
20 TV channel mainly in the U.S.
22 Church levy
26 Former Aussie paceman Glenn ___
30 ___ ___ die : persist regardless of danger? (2,2)
31 Put one's ___ in: meddle or interfere?
32 Afloat
34 In favour of
35 Move freely
37 Satisfactory way to make a golf ball vanish! (4,3)
39 Understood
41 Reactions of surprise
42 Blow a horn
45 Lokmanya _____ : famous patriot?
49 Tyrannical
53 Modi, Nehru, etc
54 Weblike membrane
55 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
56 Chinese code of behaviour
57 Did garden work
58 Distort or falsify

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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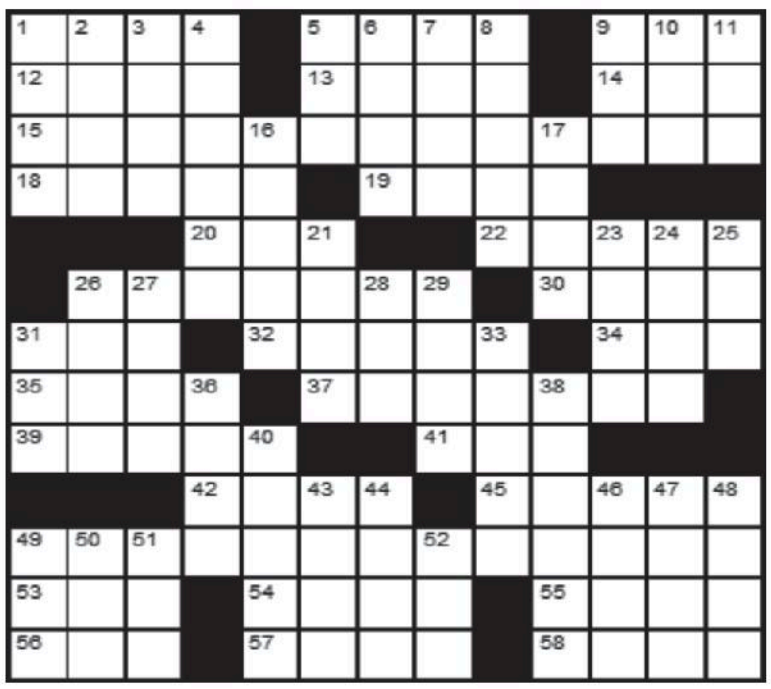
**DOWN**

1 Bangladesh bucks
2 Italian volcano
3 Organic compound
4 Scattering the seeds for plantation
5 Eco. Comm. of Europe
6 Alan ___ : Hawkeye of M*A*S*H
7 Herb or a wise man
8 Avian sound
9 Marvellous
10 Online laugh
11 Abu Dhabi locale
16 Scales sign
17 A burning liquid
21 Spot ___ : payment immediately on delivery?
23 Bean curd
24 Boo or jeer?
25 Go wrong
26 Ms Sinha of days gone by
27 Swamp critter
28 Twice one
29 Hawaiian city
31 Frequently
33 Conductor Zubin ___
36 In the company of
38 Egyptian deity
40 Incisor or canine
43 Famous cookie
44 Ceramic slab
46 Connection
47 Swiss river - change of "area"?
48 Was aware of?
49 Fitting
50 Actress Thurman
51 Tech. Std. Order
52 Small child



## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**HRO SJQ'L LOTQ GJSW LEV SURSW, GOL**

**HRO SJQ NAQY AL OZ JIJAQ.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS U**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** Economy is the method by which we prepare today to afford the improvements of tomorrow.

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  *O' Romeo 3 (H)* - 3 Shows

## MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Super Hit (K)* | (S-1) | 10.30 am, 1.20 pm |
| *The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)* | (S-1) | 4.15 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm |
| | (S-2) | 10.30 am |
| *Theri (Ta)* | (S-2) | 1.15 pm |
| *Screem 7 (E)* | (S-2) | 4.30 pm, 7.10 pm |
| *Vishnu Vinyasam (Te)* | (S-2) | 9.50 pm |
| *Kanna Muche (K)* | (S-3) | 10.45 am |
| *Veera Kambala (K)* | (S-3) | 1.10 pm |
| *The Rise of Ashoka (K)* | (S-3) | 4.20 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am |
| *Son of (Te)* | (S-3) | 7.15 pm |
| *Masthishka Maranam (Ma)* | (S-3) | 9.50 pm |
| *Rakkasapuradol (K)* | (S-4) | 1.15 pm |
| *Hayagrriva (K)* | (S-4) | 4 pm, 9.45 pm |

## MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *The Rise of Ashoka (K)* | : | 1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.30 pm |
| *Super Hit (K)* | : | 1.20 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Sarala Subbarao (K)* | : | 1.30 pm |
| *Kanna Muchhe (K)* | : | 4.45 pm |
| *Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)* | : | 7.30 pm |

## MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Scream 7 (E)* | : | 11.20 am |
| | | 5.25 pm |
| | | 10.30 pm |
| *Theri (Ta)* | : | 12 noon |
| *Alpha Men Love Vengeance (K)* | : | 12.20 pm |
| *Super Hit (K)* | : | 1.25 pm |
| | | 7.25 pm |
| *The Rise of Ashoka (K)* | : | 3.05 pm |
| | | 9 pm |
| *Veera Kambala (K)* | : | 3.15 pm |
| *Arco (French)* | : | 3.20 pm |
| *Rakkasapuradol (K)* | : | 4.15 pm |
| *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (E)* | : | 5 pm |
| *O' Romeo (H)* | : | 6.25 pm |
| *Masthishka Maranam (Ma)* | : | 6.55 pm |
| *Zootopia 2 (E-3D)* | : | 8 pm |
| *Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)* | : | 10 pm |
| *Tere Naam (H)* | : | 10.15 pm |

## MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *The Rise of Ashoka (K)* | : | 12 noon, 6.10 pm |
| *Scream 7 (E)* | : | 1.05 pm, 6.40 pm |
| *Veera Kambala (K)* | : | 3 pm |
| *Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)* | : | 3.40 pm |
| *Super Hit (K)* | : | 5 pm, 9 pm |
| *Rakkasapuradol (K)* | : | 7.50 pm |
| *Vishnu Vinyasam (Te)* | : | 9.15 pm |

## EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 27)

- **Swaramruta Melodies, Mysuru:** 'Mamaravello Kogileyello,' musical evening featuring songs from Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Hindi films rendered by noted singer Dr. S.P. Balasubramanyam (SPB), Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.** [Mob: 92435-07996]
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** 24th Year Annual Celebrations, Music Concerts, Thyagaraja and Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava, Aadithya Hospital Managing Trustee Dr. N. Chandrashekhar inaugurates, **violin concert by Vid. Srinidhi R. Mathur,** accompanied by Vid. Adhamya Ramanand on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

- **N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Sri Thyagaraja & Sri Purandaradasa Aradhana, Grand Music Recital by Vid. Niranjan Dindodi, accompanied by Vid. Vaibhav Ramani on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Guru Bhavana, Sri Sringeri Shankara Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Mysuru:** Abhiyenthararu National Theatre Festival, staging of Gibberish play 'Y - what refuses to face' by The Interlink Theatre, Kerala, written by Ensemble and directed by Remith Ramesh, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 28)

- **The Association of Integrated Mysore Swimmers and Marlin Aquatic Centre, Mysuru:** ASMITA Swimming League, a dedicated competition for young girls, Marlin Aquatic Centre, No. 335/3, Bogadi Road, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, **9 am.**
- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exclusive exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-921, story-telling by Ranganath, Yoga Teacher, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Mysuru:** Abhiyenthararu National Theatre Festival, Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi recitals by M. Mallika from Kerala, **5.45 pm;** Kannada play 'Marana Mrudanga' by Abhiyenthararu. Written and Directed by Rajendra Karanth, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Sri Thyagaraja & Sri Purandaradasa Aradhana, Grand Music Concert by Vidu. Nisha Rajagopalan, accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishna Prakash on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. Omkar Rao on ghata, Guru Bhavana, Sri Sringeri Shankara Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** 24th Year Annual Celebrations, Music Concerts, Thyagaraja and Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava, Music Concert sponsored by Dr. C.M. Muniramappa & Family in memory of their parents — **Vocal Concert by Vidu. Medha Manjunath,** accompanied by Vid. M.D. Arjun on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6.30 pm.**

- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Monthly cultural programme, special violin trio concert by disciples of violin Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy — Siri Paramathma, V. Manaswini & Soujanya Prakash — accompanied by Vid. N. Kumar on mridanga, Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC):** World Fusion Music Concert by Samyukth - The World Collective, a homegrown fusion band from Mysuru — Sai Shiv (mridanga), Keshav Mohankumar (violin), Samrudh Srinivas (flute), Shamith Gowda (ghata), Shalini Mohan (Bass), Eric Gerald (guitar) and S. Ramkumar (percussion), JCAC premises, Vijayanagar, **7 pm.**

## MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Super Hit (K)* | : | 1.15 pm |
| | | 7.10 pm |
| *The Rise of Ashoka (K)* | : | 1.30 pm |
| | | 4.20 pm |
| | | 9.30 pm |
| *Scream 7 (E)* | : | 3.50 pm |
| | | 10 pm |
| *Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)* | : | 4.05 pm |
| *Rakkasapuradol (K)* | : | 7.05 pm |
| *Athadu (Te)* | : | 9.45 pm |

## MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Kanna Muchhe (K)* | : | 12.45 pm |
| *The Rise of Ashoka (K)* | : | 1 pm |
| | | 7.10 pm |
| *Veera Kambala (K)* | : | 1.20 pm |
| *Scream 7 (E)* | : | 3.50 pm |
| | | 9.30 pm |
| *Rakkasapuradol (K)* | : | 4.30 pm |
| *Masthishka Maranam (Ma)* | : | 6.25 pm |
| *Super Hit (K)* | : | 6.25 pm |
| *Fourth Floor (Ta)* | : | 10 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

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